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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement*

Facing such an important step in constituting a global roadmap towards the Sustainable Development Goals, there is a firm and continuing commitment from the political sector, civil society and developmental cooperation agencies, to implement the 2030 Agenda internationally.

It is for that reason that empowering agents of change is one of the most important steps for achieving this objective. Young people play a prominent role in projection in the short, medium and long term, as mentioned by Jan Eliasson, UN Deputy Secretary General, in his opening speech at the Youth Forum held in New York, saying: "the voice of young people is crucial for the United Nations. Our success in this gigantic task will depend largely on the extent to which young people are a motor in implementing the agenda".

Despite the economic crisis, scepticism and ethical relativism, many young people are determined to change these circumstances and be proactive. Youth currently participate in society through volunteerism, social programs, citizens' platforms and other mechanisms created to respond to problems they perceive in their immediate environment. This activity by young people in the third sector and other areas of society, contributes to the development and construction of open and innovative communities.

The values of commitment and solidarity of the youth group themselves lead to a generational change in different social settings in which they interact as agents of change, opening a new horizon of transformation and renewal. These values are therefore existential goals that become talents or abilities, which once applied, generate practical results and direct benefits for the community.

For this reason, it is considered that the empowerment of this group should be treated as an engine for social change that will achieve progress in the sustainability of economics, the environment and socially, as presented in the 2030 Agenda.

That said, the promotion of spaces for dialogue, workshops, means of formal and informal education, accompanied by institutional and financial support necessary for youth organisations and projects under the different dimensions of development, are mechanisms that facilitate the leadership of new generations, and thus build enabling environments for achieving the goals and objectives of the 2030 Agenda.

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Keeping in line with the age old adages, "Health is wealth" and "Healthy body bears a healthy mind", Cancer Aid Society successfully initiated the fight against diseases specifically cancer and other Non-Communicable Diseases in 1987 across India. Having the most diversified 1/6th of global population, we wish to share our expertise globally. Since 60 percent of the global population is killed by Non-Communicable Diseases "Good Health and well-being" rightly finds a place at point no. 3 in the Sustainable Development Goals among 17 Goals to transform our world in line with our three decades old philosophy.

With our 28 years of experience on prevention and control of diseases through awareness on tobacco abuse (active and passive smoking), healthy lifestyle, good diet, regular exercise, carcinogens, clean drinking water, pollution, genital and personal hygiene etc. among the future generation i.e. the children and among the adult population. We are demonstrating our will in "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results".

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